



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## **TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE March 20, 2013**

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### **House Bill 6594 - AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES AND DEFINITIONS OF "NURSING HOME FACILITY" AND "MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE."**

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The Department of Public Health supports House Bill 6594 An Act Concerning Residential Care Homes And Definitions of "Nursing Home Facility" And "Medical Review Committee."

This bill clarifies the definition of nursing home facility in statute to include nursing homes only. The bill properly removes residential care homes from this definition. The historic combining of these two very different healthcare provider types is no longer useful and in some cases has created unnecessary health and safety requirements to residential care homes.

Nursing homes provide twenty-four hour nursing care under medical direction. Residential care homes do not provide continuous nursing care and so it is appropriate to separate them from nursing homes.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide this information to the Committee.

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